stay in India with an option for 4 days extension and are based on attractive rates offered by the carriers and the hotel chains.

During the period January—March 1992 approximately 4, 91; 259 foreign tourists including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh visited India and Rs. 981.47 crores are estimated to have been earned in foreign exchange. During the period April-September '92 over 7,60,000 foreign tourists including the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh are estimated to visit India as compared to 7,46,989 during the same period in 1991.

1992–93 के दौरान पर्यटन का विकास

77. डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1992–93 के दौरान पर्यटन का संवर्धन करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं; और

(ख) 1992-93 के दौरान कितने विदेशी पर्यटकों के भारत आने की संभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) पर्यटन का संवर्धन किया जाना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है । पर्यटन मंत्रालय पर्यटक भेजने वाले महत्वपूर्ण बाजारों में स्थित अपने विदेश स्थित कार्यालयों के माध्यम से देश में पर्यटक आगमन को बरकरार रखने और बढ़ाने के लिए संयुक्त प्रयास करता है । इन उपायों में शामिल हैं:—आधारभूत सुविधाओं का विकास, नए गन्तव्य स्थलों का अभिनिर्धारण एवं संवर्धन, मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था, लग्जरी कोचों और कारों में बढ़ोत्तरी करना, पयटक सुविधाओं और सेवाओं में सुधार करना, समाचार-पत्रों, दूरदर्शन, सेमिनारों, सम्मेलनों, के माध्यम से प्रचार करना, अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय मेलों और प्रदर्शनियों में भाग लेना, प्रचार सामग्री, पोस्टर, फिल्में, श्रव्य-दृश्य आदि ।

(ख) वर्ष 1992–93 के दौरान भारत आने वाले विदेशी पर्यटकों की संख्या लगभग 1.95 मिलियन होने की संभावना है ।

Action Plan for development of Tourism

78. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE;
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tourism Ministry has prepared an Action Plan for development of tourism in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the plan is likely to be put into operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) An Action Plan for development of Tourism in the country is being finalised.

[79. *(Transferred to the 1th May,* 1992.]

Aeroplanes purchased by Air India and Indian Airlines

80. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
KUMARI ALIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATiION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number and types of aero. planes purchased by the Indian Airlines and the Air India during the last year and proposed to be purchased during the current year;

(b) the amount of payment to be made as a 'Putta' tariff for each of the Aeroplane and the details of the payment made in foreign exchange; and

(c) the details of the terms and conditions of 'Putta' in regard to the maintenance and operation of the Aeroplanes and the employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During 1991, both Air India and Indian Airlines have not acquired any new aircraft. There are no proposals for purchase of any aircraft during the current year also.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Privatisation of ITDC hotels

81. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 192 given in the Rajya Sabha on 10th March, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken a final decision in the matter of developing small groups of I.T.D.C. hotels as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not by when Government are likely to take a decision in the matter?

T1HE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter is under active consideration. However, it is not possible to indicate the exact time by which the final decision would be taken.

Losses incurred by Vayudoot

82. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA. TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot has lately launched a special drive to take the third level feeder airline out of the red by recovering long outstanding dues;

(b) if so, what succees has so far been achieved in this direction; and

(c) what is the estimated profit or loss for the year 1991-92 and the accumulated loss so far incurred by the airline as on March 31, 1992?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts made by a Special Collection Team constituted for recovery of the amounts outstanding against the agents have shown encouraging results. This has resulted in considerable reduction of outstandings. Further, Bank guarantees invoked against the defaulting agents have also helped in reducing the outstandings. A scheme of advance payment by cash/bank drafts has been introduced recently.

(c) The estimated loss of Vayudoot during 1991-92 is about Rs. 30.59 crores. The accumulated loss of Yayudoot upto 1991-92 is about Rs. 159.00 crores.

Strike notice by Air Traffic Controllers

83 SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Traffic Controllers all over the country have decided to go on a "work